

also, that no person shall be commissioned as a notary who is not a citizen of the United States, and shall not have resided within this state two years previous to his appointment.

Notaries
may admin-
ister oaths.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the notaries public now or hereafter to be appointed and commissioned under the authority of this state, and every of them, shall have the power of administering oaths and affirmations according to law, in all matters belonging or incident to the exercise of their notarial office.

By 1832, ch. 286, have the power to administer oaths, in cases of a civil nature, where a justice of the peace may administer.

Receive
acknow-
ledgment
of instru-
ments of
writing.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said notaries, and every of them, shall have the power to receive the proof or acknowledgment of all instruments of writing relating to commerce or navigation, and such other writings as have been usually proved and acknowledged before notaries public, and also to make protests and declarations, and testify the truth thereof under their seals of office, concerning all matters by them done in virtue of their respective offices.

And keep
fair records
of their
proceed-
ings.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That every of the said notaries shall keep fair registers of all protests, and other official acts by them done in virtue of their office, and shall, when thereto required, give a certified copy of any record in his office unto any person or persons applying for the same, such person or persons paying the customary fees therefor.

In case of
notary's
death, &c.
his papers
to be lodged
with clerk
of county.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the death, resignation, disqualification or removal from office, of any of the said notaries, his or their registers and other public papers shall be lodged, within sixty days next after such death, resignation, disqualification or removal, in the office of the clerk of the county where he or they reside, who may bring and maintain actions of trover or detinue for the same; and such registers or public papers shall not, in any case, be liable to be seized or taken in execution for debt or for any demand whatsoever.

Notary to
provide a
seal to
authenti-
cate his
acts.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That every notary shall provide a public notarial seal, with which he shall authenticate his acts, instruments and attestations, on which seal shall be engraved such device as said notary may think proper, and for legend shall have the name, surname and office, of the notary using the same, and the place of his residence.

And take
an oath.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That every notary on his appointment, and before he enters on the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an oath, or affirmation, that he shall and will well and faithfully perform the duties of his office, as is prescribed to be taken by others officers of the government of this state.

Their fees.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the fees to be received by the notaries public shall be as follow: drawing all proceedings